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SENT DEPARTMENT 1674 REPEATED INFORMATION PRIORITY PARIS 545  
LONDON 387 MOSCOW 198 BERLIN 532

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PARIS EMBTEL 2823 TO DEPT; RPTD BONN 263, LONDON 605, BERLIN 69,  
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HAD TALKED TO GENERAL NORSTAD THIS MORNING BUT ONLY RECEIVED  
REFERENCE TELEGRAM LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

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IF CURRENT EFFORTS REACH SOLUTION AT LOCAL LEVEL (BERLINS  
TELEGRAM TO DEPT 643) UNSUCCESSFUL, FEEL SUGGESTION APPROACH  
MOSCOW (PARIS TELEGRAM TO DEPT 2823) MAY HAVE CONSIDERABLE  
MERIT. WE SHOULD OF COURSE INFORM BRITISH AND FRENCH PRIOR TO  
MAKING APPROACH AS WELL AS CONSULT THEM REGARDING ANY MILITARY  
ACTION IF REPRESENTATIONS FAIL ACHIEVE SPEEDY RESULT.

SUMMARIZED ABOVE IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HILLENBRAND ABOUT  
1815 HOURS. FEEL UNLESS CONVOY RELEASED TONIGHT APPROACH SHOULD  
BE MADE TOMORROW. DANGER THEREIN IS POSSIBILITY LEAK, THUS  
PERHAPS MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR SOVIETS TO RETREAT WITHOUT  
LOSING FACE.

I FIND IT DIFFICULT MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS IN TOTAL ABSENCE OF  
KNOWLEDGE MILITARY PLANS FOR SUCH EMERGENCIES.

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